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Doct. John Torrey

Dear Sir,

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I regret that I was requested by my friend Mr. Croom to give you such strict injunctions concerning the separation of the plants forwarded recently, per Sch. Trent; for his health has been such ever since, as to delay his departure for N.Y. to a much later period than we had anticipated.

You will please therefore to make such a use of them as you think proper; except that I would like very much to have a specimen (of each of those unknown to me), named, & returned for my cognizance by some vessel, provided it is no inconvenience to you. I will forward a few more plants soon, or specimens rather.

Mr. Croom expects to sail, or take the Stage for N.Y. in a few days, or he may go via Virginia Springs; he is undecided.

I regret that I have not time to devote to the drying of specimens, in order that I might forward better specimens for you.

Respectfully Yours
H. Loomis

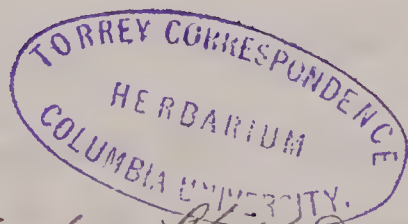
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Recd. March 20th and July 2nd 3D.

Macon Geo. March 10th 1836

Doct. Torrey,

Dear Sir,



I have this day shipped a Box of very poor dried specimens for you (via Darien), which are thence New-York, & have requested the Shipper to be forwarded to ~~the care of Watson & Penfold, New-York~~ in Darien to advise you of their shipment promptly.

I am ashamed to offer any thing which evinces such utter neglect & carelessness in preserving, as these do; but presuming you may find something among them not altogether useless, I am induced to forward them.

I have labelled but very few of them; for they are in so mutilated a state, that I do not recognise some of them, myself, which I have known; and others, I never had time to ascertain the names of, while fresh.

I forward a manuscript catalogue also of all the plants which I recognised last year in this neighborhood, among which you will recognise several specimens in the box. I send also at the top of mine, some better specimens, collected by Mr. James Green, of this place; a promising young man, who presents them to you, with a hope that you will find them acceptable; He desires me to request you to have a copy of Dr. Gray's Gramineae & Cyperaceae forwarded, for him (to me if you please) care of Mr. Henry George, Darien; or have it left with Messrs J. & W. Penfold to be forwarded with Medicines &c for me. —

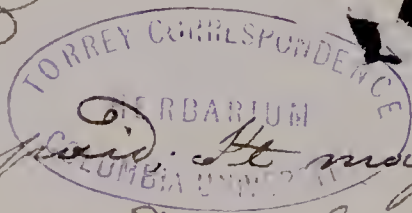
When we know its cost, I will remit the money to the
Messrs. Penfold for it. Mr. Green has numbered plants Nos. 1 to 5
which he wishes you to give me the names of; he has
duplicates and does not know them. He is studying Medicine,
and much pleased with Botany, which he will obtain a
good knowledge of sooner than I shall, I fear, (judging
from his Industry). Should you find any specimens in the box
which you are able to recognise as of different Genera or
Species from any upon either of the Catalogues forwarded
& in your possession ^{of mine}, please to let me know what they
are. And should you have any specimens on hand to give
away (after supplying your particular friends), do me the
favour to send a few to Dr. C. W. Short, of Kentucky,
and I shall thereby, be more than compensated for all
I can do for you hereafter. I will endeavour to put
up specimens with more care hereafter. I send ^{to} you, all
that I had, from Mr. & Geo. collections. The one most
interesting among them, is, what I take for a *Cynoglossum*?
which had flowers, variegated with red, purple & blue colours;
I have called one plant a *Carallorhiza*, which may be a
Habenaria? The flowers were nearly green, & of a fine aromatic
odour; grows in marshes. Dr. Pickering says we have not the
penced ^{from Mr. C.} anum? What do you call it? The *Hypericum amicum*
is a very ornamental flowering plant here, among the
Hydrangeas & *Kalmias*, *Calaminthas* & upon the Rocky River Shore.

I would not have forwarded so many specimens which are useless to you, but for the purpose of filling the box well; therefore you will excuse me. These were packed some weeks past, but no chance of forwarding them occurred until to-day.

The *Erythronium*, *Dentaria*, & *Chrysogonum*, & others are now in flower here. There are a few Gramineae & Cyperaceae from N.C. in the box which I shall never meet with in this neighborhood, among which is the *Cyperus hydra*. I should be much pleased to have a letter from you occasionally.

Yours Respectfully
H. C. Loomis

P.S. Freight on the Box to Darwin is paid. It may be expected in N.Y. within about 15 to 20 days hence



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